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May I please offer a comment, one that I think addresses the primary issue in relation to Microsoft's ability to remain a monopoly. If is this:

If competitors have the ability to create and offer for sale truly compatible products, I believe that the capability to maintain a monopoly position in the market will be greatly reduced.

Of greatest importance is the Microsoft Office product.

I strongly believe that the Microsoft Office file format specification should be completely documented and those documents kept completely in synch with any version changes Microsoft makes. Those documents must be made public domain, usable without any restrictions. This, I believe, will make it much easier for competitors to guarantee file compatibility with Microsoft products.

I am certain that there are other issues at stake here. I have chosen to focus on the particular issue I think most important.

Sincerely
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